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MINUTES OF THE LEE COUNTY FIRE ADVISORY BOARD

October 1, 2008

The Lee County Fire Advisory Board met on October 1, 2008 at the Emergency Services Conference Room, 225 S Steele Street, Sanford, North Carolina.

The following members were present:

- Donald Andrews, Jr.
- Larry Kelly
- Ken Cameron
- Linda Shook
- Roger King
- Shane Seagroves, Ex officio member

The following members were excused:

- Doc Oldham
- Royce Gaines

Chairman Donald Andrews called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Individual introductions were made, and Chairman Andrews welcomed the newest member, Ken Cameron to the FAB. Mr. Cameron will fill the vacancy of John Altenburger and will serve a 4-year term.

Chairman Andrews and Vice-Chairman Roger King were re-elected for another year by a motion made by Larry Kelly and seconded by Linda Shook. Motion carried unanimously.

An update on the substation in Lemon Springs was given by Shane Seagroves. Shane advised that the Certificate of Occupancy had been issued and that Bill Rogers of the Lee County Fire Marshal's Office is working with AC Daniels of OSFM in redrawing and combining districts. All areas in the Lemon Springs district will be covered with a rating of either 7 or 9 upon the districts being redrawn.

Chairman Donald Andrews reported on the progress of Cape Fear substation. The property secured for the substation is located on Avents Ferry road, off of Buckhorn. Cape Fear is in the process of securing a construction loan at this time. The metal building is expected to arrive on site in the next 6-8 weeks with plans for the substation being operational by summer.

Chairman Andrews also advised on the situation of Clearwater and Waverly Place. Since the City considers this area to be a "liability" for them to take over, the Fire Marshal's Office has been tasked with finding coverage for that area. One possibility is Carolina Trace, which is thought to be capable of encompassing all the areas of Clearwater and Waverly Place.

Larry Kelly commented that Deep River had closed on property for their substation on October 1, 2008 and that the district is being rezoned.

Shane brought up the subject of "spot annexation" for the purpose of allowing the Kangaroo on US1 and Arthur Maddox road to obtain an ABC license. If the spot annexation passes, a contract between the City of Sanford and Tramway Fire Department would be forthcoming. Shane noted that his recommendation to the Chief of Tramway FD would be not to contract with the city. Larry Kelly added that if a formula was devised of how much to pay the county for contracting perhaps this effect would deter the city's decision of contracting.

A plaque to be presented to John Altenburger to thank him for his service to the FAB was discussed; members agreed to present the plaque at the next FAB meeting.

Chairman Andrews opened the discussion on the system-wide funding. Many questions remain governing the flat tax and how it's going to work. Once the FAB has come into an agreement, the next step is to get the fire chiefs on board. It was agreed that several more meetings and discussions take place before anything is put in writing and wait for all members to be in attendance. Recommendations from the FAB to the Board of Commissioners would be centered on input from the Fire Chiefs. Chairman Andrews is to try and retrieve a copy of a funding letter from John Altenburger to distribute to each member for review.

Therefore, being no further business to come before the Fire Advisory Board, Chairman Andrews made a motion to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Donald Andrews, Jr., Chairman

ATTEST:

Nancy Veroni, Secretary